



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 294 - SB 350

March 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006012): Expands the *Save Tennessee Students Act* to include public institutions of higher education, requiring such institutions when issuing new student identification (ID) cards purchased by the institutions on or after July 1, 2023 to include on the ID card the telephone number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the social media handle, telephone number, or text number for at least one additional crisis resource selected by the institution. Clarifies that the crisis resource information does not apply to digital ID cards. Requires such institutions to also post such information in a conspicuous place on each campus operated by the institution.

Requires each institution to create and feature a webpage on the institution's website or a mobile application that contains information dedicated solely to the mental health resources available to the institution's students. Further requires each institution to include a strategy to raise awareness of the mental health and crisis support services and resources, that are available to students, faculty, and staff as part of the institution's suicide prevention plan.

Requires any Local Education Agency (LEA) that serves grades 6th-12th to update any newly issued ID cards to include the telephone number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline rather than the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Public institutions of higher education will be able to add such information to new student ID cards within existing resources without a significant increase in state expenditures. Any increase in design and printing costs to post the required information on each campus is estimated to be not significant.
- Each institution of higher education can create such a webpage and mobile webpage and can implement a strategy for increasing awareness of mental health and crisis support services and resources within each institution's existing resources.
- LEAs will be able to update the information on any newly issued student ID cards with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in each school within existing resources.
- Any increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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